

**MINUTES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

CR-05-00027

August 15, 2006
8:00 a.m.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -v- ZHENG, ET AL

PRESENT: Hon. Alex R. Munson
Randy K.R. Schmidt, Law Clerk
Sanae Shmull, Court Reporter
Michelle C. Macaranas, Courtroom Deputy
Timothy Moran, Assistant U. S. Attorney
G. Anthony Long, Attorney for Defendant Ming Yan Zhen
Steve Pixley, Attorney for Defendant Chang Da Liu
Chang Da Liu, Defendant

PROCEEDINGS: MOTION TO APPOINT NEUTRAL INTERPRETER
MOTION TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE
MOTION FOR SEPARATE TRIAL

Government by Timothy Moran, AUSA. Attorney G. Anthony Long was present on behalf of defendant, Ming Yan Zhen. Attorney Steven Pixley was present on behalf and with defendant Chang Da Liu.

Outside the presence of the jury, the Court stated tentative rulings to deny the motion to appoint neutral interpreter, motion to exclude exhibits 1, 2 , 3 and 4 and defendant Liu's motion for separate trial.

Attorney Long argued his motion. Attorney Steven Pixley did not have anything further to argue. AUSA, Tim Moran argued their reply. Court adopted all tentative rulings.

Adjourned 8:25 a.m.

/s/ Michelle C. Macaranas, Deputy Clerk